



Call for Applications to FEMA's Youth Preparedness Council

Are you a 13- to 17-year-old who makes a difference in your community's disaster preparedness? Have you experienced a disaster that motivated you to make a positive difference in your community?

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is looking for youth leaders who are dedicated to public service, who are making a difference in their communities, and who want to expand their impact as national advocates for youth disaster preparedness.

Applications must be received by March 2, 2015, 11:59 p.m. EST.

About the Council

FEMA's Youth Preparedness Council offers a unique opportunity for youth leaders to serve on a distinguished national council; to complete self-selected youth preparedness projects; to voice their opinions, experiences, ideas, solutions, and questions on youth disaster preparedness with the leadership of FEMA and national organizations working on youth preparedness; and to participate in the Youth Preparedness Council Summit. For more information about the Youth Preparedness Council and FEMA's youth preparedness efforts, please visit <http://www.ready.gov/youth-preparedness-council> and <http://www.ready.gov/youth-preparedness>.

Please note that the age range for the Council has changed this year. You must be at least 13 years old, and no more than 17 years old, at the time you apply.

Eligibility

Applicants must be between 13 and 17 years old at the time they apply (applicants who will turn 18 during the Council's term are still eligible). The application can emphasize youth disaster preparedness activities that the applicant has participated in or can be related to a disaster the applicant has experienced. The application should describe specific emergency situations and/or examples of disaster preparedness activities that would qualify the applicant to serve on the Council. Sample preparedness activities may include but are not limited to:

- After-school activities
- America's PrepareAthon! participation
- Citizen Corps programs
- Disaster preparedness camps
- Increasing local disaster awareness
- National Preparedness Month participation
- Pet/service animal preparedness
- Rural area preparedness activities
- Teen CERT training
- Underrepresented community programs
- Using social media to further disaster preparedness
- Youth club activities (e.g., Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts)
- Youth preparedness activities through a faith-based group



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Application Process

The application form can be found at <http://www.ready.gov/youth-preparedness-council>. **Applications must include responses to all of the information requested in the application form and two (2) letters of recommendation.**

Please note that FEMA will only consider applications submitted directly by the applicant. Nominations for eligible candidates will not be accepted.

One (1) letter of recommendation must be from an adult who can speak to the applicant's experience with preparedness and/or disaster(s). The second letter of recommendation can be from any adult, age 18 or older. Examples of adults who might write letters of recommendation include group leaders, parents, guardians, community first responders, or teachers. Applications that do not include two (2) letters of recommendation will not be reviewed. Specific information about completing and submitting the application form, letters of recommendation, and optional supplemental materials can be found on the application form and application instructions.

Applications will be reviewed by national and regional FEMA staff. New Youth Preparedness Council members will be announced in May 2015.